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In re Application of: Michael S. Cooper  
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Filed: 06/30/03  
For: Fire Control Sprinkler Riscr Systems

Group Art Unit: 3753

Examiner: Lee, Kevin L

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Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

In response to a restriction requirement set forth in an office action mailed 07/11/2005, a provisional election with traverse is made by Applicant.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

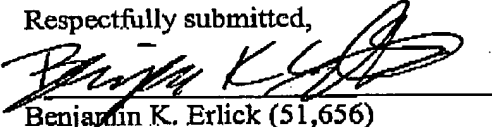
According to MPEP § 803, "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." (emphasis added) In the present case, the claims in each of the groups identified by the Examiner, clearly comprise similar elements. In view of these matters, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that each of the claims presently pending in this application be examined.

If the Examiner is not persuaded and persists with the restriction requirement Applicant provisionally elects Group I (Claims 1-27).

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 9, 2005

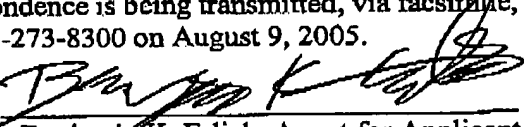
  
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